

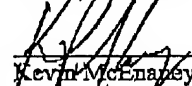
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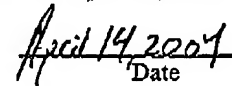
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Nuclear Magnetic Resonance)
Measurements)

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Kevin McNaney


Date April 14, 2004

Response and Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Ma'am:

In response to the Office Action dated January 29, 2004, please consider the following comments.

Introductory Remarks

Figures 1 and 2 have been objected to for omitting the "Prior Art" label. The title of the invention has been objected to for non-descriptiveness. Claims 1, 19 and 31 have been objected to for various informalities. Claims 1-8, 10-13, 18-22, 24-25, 30-32, 35 and 40 have been rejected under Section 102(b) based on Sun (US 6,121,774). Claims 9 and 33 have been rejected under Section 103(a) on the basis of Sun and Sigal (US 6,541,969). Claims 14-17, 23, 26-29, 34 and 36-39 have been rejected under Section 103(a) on the basis of Sun on the

basis of AAPA. Applicant herein proposes revisions to Figures 1 and 2 to include the 'Prior Art' designation. Applicant has amended the title. Further, Applicant has amended claims 1, 19 and 31 to correct for various claim informalities. New claims 41-45 have been added. Claims Finally, Applicant offers the following comments in response to the claim rejections based on the cited prior art references. Claims 1-45 remain under consideration.